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### Police Involved Shooting

**\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

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The investigation into the police involved shooting that occurred on February 7, 2016, has been completed by the Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board. The actions of Officer Patrick Nance #1912, Officer Benjamin Leppla #2386, Officer Peter Jacobs #728, Officer David Gitlitz #437 and Officer April Reddick #2391 are found to be within the Columbus Division of Police Use of Firearms Policy.

### Armed Gunman Shot by Police After Foot Pursuit Through Neighborhood

Columbus Police are investigating a shooting involving an armed man on the city's west side.

On February 7, 2016, at approximately 12:24 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Whitethorne Avenue on the report of a man with a gun threatening people. Prior to arriving, responding officers were advised the gunman left the area in a dark colored sport utility vehicle. Columbus Police helicopter personnel flew over the area and observed a vehicle matching the description leaving the area at a high rate of speed. A marked cruiser began to follow the vehicle, at which point, the vehicle stopped and the driver jumped out and fled on foot.

The initial officer aired the suspect's direction of travel through the neighborhood and advised backup officers the suspect was armed with a gun. The suspect was able to elude officers for several minutes, until finally being detained in the rear of 504 Whitethorne Avenue.

Officers converged on the armed suspect and gave numerous commands to the suspect to drop the gun. Witnesses confirmed hearing the officers' commands. The suspect disregarded the



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officers' commands and suffered multiple gunshot wounds. Medical personnel arrived and pronounced the suspect dead at 12:46 am. No other injuries were reported. A firearm was recovered from the suspect. The suspect has been identified as Marese V. Collins M/B/23.

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